UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/50/629
30 November 1995
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: ARABIC

Fiftieth session
Agenda item 106

CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Report of the Third Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ahmed Yousif MOHAMED (Sudan)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item jointly with item 108 at its 12th to 17th, 19th, 25th and 42nd meetings on 17-20 and 30 October and 6, 10 and 29 November 1995. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/50/SR.12-17, 19, 25 and 42).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3, chap. V);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report on the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/50/373);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/50/375);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/158 (A/50/432);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/159 on the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime (A/50/433);

(f) Report of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/CONF.169/16);

(g) Letter dated 19 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final documents of the summit meeting of seven major industrialized countries, held at Halifax, Canada, from 15 to 17 June 1995 (A/50/254-S/1995/501);

(h) Letter dated 7 August 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the International Colloquium on Post-Conflict Reconstruction Strategies, held at the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Schlaining, Austria, on 23 and 24 June 1995 (A/50/345);

(i) Note by the Secretariat transmitting the text of a draft resolution entitled "Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders" (A/C.3/50/L.3);

(j) Note verbale dated 1 November 1995 from the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the summary report of the Second World Police Congress, held at Santiago from 3 to 6 October 1995 (A/C.3/50/4).

4. At the 3rd meeting, on 9 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development addressed the Committee (see A/C.3/50/SR.3).

5. At the 12th meeting, on 17 October, Mr. Giorgio Giacomelli, Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna, made an introductory statement on item 106 (see A/C.3/50/SR.12).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.3

6. By its resolution 1995/8 of 24 July 1995, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders".

7. At its 25th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee had before it the text of that draft resolution, contained in document A/C.3/50/L.3.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.3 (see para. 22, draft resolution I).

9. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement (see A/C.3/50/SR.25).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.15

10. At the 19th meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Italy, on behalf of Armenia, Austria, the Bahamas, Belarus, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine, as well as Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, Cape Verde, Germany and Greece, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity" (A/C.3/50/L.15). Subsequently, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Guinea, Guyana, Iceland, Latvia, Malta, the Philippines, Poland and Spain joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

11. At the 25th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Italy orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 9, the words "on a country-by-country basis" were added after the words "criminal justice systems";

(b) In operative paragraph 10, the words ", the Commission on the Status of Women" were added after the words "Commission on Human Rights";

(c) In operative paragraph 11, in the fourth line, the words "at country level" were added after the word "justice";

(d) In the same operative paragraph, the words "emphasizing social development aspects and" were added after the words "in their programmes".

12. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America made a statement (see A/C.3/50/SR.25).

13. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.15, as orally revised (see para. 22, draft resolution II).

14. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement (see A/C.3/50/SR.25).

C. Draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.16

15. At the 25th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of South Africa, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States, introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders" (A/C.3/50/L.16).

16. At the 42nd meeting, on 29 November, the representative of South Africa orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 4, after the words "General Assembly", the words "resolution 49/156 and" were added;

(b) Operative paragraph 5 was deleted in its entirety;

(c) In former operative paragraph 6 (now paragraph 5), the words "to reconsider its decision with regard to its financial support" were added after the words "United Nations Development Programme";

(d) In the same paragraph, the phrase "to resume its assistance programme" was deleted;

(e) In the same paragraph, after the words "to the Institute" in the second line, the phrase "which was ended in October 1994" was deleted.

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted operative paragraph 4, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 76 to 1, with 47 abstentions. The voting was as follows: 1/

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Slovakia,

---

1/ Subsequently, the delegation of Kazakstan informed the Secretariat that, had it been present, it would have abstained in the vote; the delegation of Rwanda indicated that it had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

18. At the same meeting, after the vote on operative paragraph 4, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, India, Japan and the Russian Federation (see A/C.3/50/SR.42).

19. Also at its 42nd meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 22, draft resolution III).

20. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Uganda and Rwanda (see A/C.3/50/SR.42).

D. Draft decision

21. At its 42nd meeting, on 29 November, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted, without a vote, a draft decision by which the General Assembly would take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/50/373) (see para. 23, draft decision).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

22. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Emphasizing the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950,

Acknowledging that the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, as major intergovernmental forums, have influenced national policies and practices and promoted international cooperation in this field by facilitating the exchange of views and experiences, mobilizing public opinion and recommending policy options at the national, regional and international levels,

Recalling its resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in the annex to which Member States affirmed that the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders should be held every five years and should provide a forum for, inter alia, the exchange of views between States,

intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines, the exchange of experiences in research, law and policy development and the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice,

Bearing in mind the theme for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which was "Less crime, more justice: security for all", and the importance of achieving this goal at the national and international levels,

Deeply concerned about the rising levels of crime in many parts of the world, particularly transnational organized crime and its negative effects on socio-economic development, political stability and the internal and external security of States, as well as on the well-being of people,

Convinced that the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme has a significant role to play in enhancing regional and interregional cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice in order to achieve further progress in this area, including the mobilization and coordination of efforts by Member States to combat crime in all its forms and to ensure greater justice,

Recalling its resolution 49/157 of 23 December 1994, in which it requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to give priority attention at its fourth session to the conclusions and recommendations of the Ninth Congress, with a view to recommending appropriate follow-up, through the Economic and Social Council, by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session,

Having considered the report of the Ninth Congress 2/ and the related recommendations made by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourth session, 3/

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the results achieved by the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held at Cairo from 29 April to 8 May 1995;

2. Expresses its profound gratitude to the Government and people of Egypt for the generous hospitality extended to the participants in the Ninth Congress and for the efficient facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal;

3. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Ninth Congress, which contains the results of the Congress, including the recommendations and suggestions made at the workshops, at the special plenary meeting on combating corruption involving public officials and at the special plenary meeting on technical cooperation;

2/ A/CONF.169/16.

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 10 (E/1995/30).

4. Endorses the resolutions adopted by the Ninth Congress, as approved by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and also endorses the recommendations made by the Commission, at its fourth session, and by the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1995, on the implementation of the resolutions and recommendations of the Ninth Congress, as contained in Council resolution 1995/27 of 24 July 1995;

5. Invites Governments to be guided by the resolutions and recommendations of the Ninth Congress in formulating legislation and policy directives and to make all efforts to implement the principles contained therein, in accordance with the economic, social, legal, cultural and political circumstances of each country;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to pay particular attention to the operational aspects of the follow-up to the Ninth Congress in order to assist interested States in strengthening the rule of law by reinforcing their national machinery, promoting human resource development, undertaking joint training activities and executing pilot and demonstration projects, and urges the Department for Development Support and Management Services of the Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, and other funding agencies to continue to provide financial support and assistance within the framework of their technical cooperation programmes;

7. Urges all entities of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, and the regional institutes for the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders and the relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to become actively involved in the implementation of the resolutions and recommendations of the Ninth Congress, paying particular attention to the needs and priorities identified by Member States;

8. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States, institutes and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided human and financial resources, particularly on the occasion of the Ninth Congress, and invites Governments to lend their support to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and to increase their financial contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Trust Fund;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate the report of the Ninth Congress to Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations so as to ensure that it is disseminated as widely as possible, and to conduct appropriate public information activities in this field;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifty-first session, a report on the measures taken to implement the present resolution;

11. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice".

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the direct relevance of crime prevention and criminal justice to sustained development, stability, security and improved quality of life,

Convinced of the desirability of closer coordination and cooperation among States in combating crime, including drug-related crimes such as terrorist crimes, illicit arms trade and money laundering, and bearing in mind the role that could be played by both the United Nations and regional organizations in this respect,

Bearing in mind the goals of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, specifically the reduction of criminality, more efficient and effective law enforcement and administration of justice, respect for human rights and promotion of the highest standards of fairness, humanity and professional conduct,

Recognizing the urgent need to increase technical cooperation activities to assist countries, particularly developing countries and countries in transition, with their efforts in translating United Nations policy guidelines into practice, including training and upgrading of national capacities,

Noting the continued increase in the workload of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat, as well as the considerable obstacles to the full and effective implementation of its programme activities, resulting from the lack of appropriate institutional capacity,

Convinced that the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch can be effective only if it is provided with resources commensurate to its requirements and adequate to allow it to implement its mandates and to respond in a timely and efficient manner to the increasing requests of Member States for its services,

Recalling its resolution 49/158 of 23 December 1994, in which it requested the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to give effect to General Assembly resolutions 47/91 of 16 December 1992 and 48/103 of 20 December 1993, and to Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22 of 30 July 1992, 1993/31 and 1993/34 of 27 July 1993 and 1994/16 of 25 July 1994 by providing the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme with sufficient resources for the full implementation of its mandates, in conformity with the high priority attached to the programme,

Recalling also its resolution 49/159 of 23 December 1994, in which it resolved to take decisions at its fiftieth session on the allocation of adequate resources to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme on the basis of proposals for the modification of the programme to be submitted

by the Secretary-General, taking into account the responsibilities entrusted to the United Nations pursuant to the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime, 4/

Recalling further its resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991 on the creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in which it approved the statement of principles and programme of action annexed to the resolution, in which it was recommended to the Secretary-General that an upgrading of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch into a division should be effected as soon as possible,

Concerned about the fact that despite the repeated calls by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to upgrade the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to a division, action has not been taken to give effect to the relevant Assembly and Council resolutions,

Noting that the Secretary-General, in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, section 13, Crime control, 5/ proposes the strengthening of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in response to the repeated calls by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to that effect,

Noting also the additional information provided in his introductory statement by the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna 6/ on the proposed programme budget,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/158 on strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity, 7/ and on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/159 on the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime; 8/

2. Reaffirms the importance of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and the crucial role it has to play in promoting international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice, in responding to the needs of the international community in the face of both national and transnational criminality and in assisting Member States in achieving the goals of preventing crime within and among States and improving the response to crime;

4/ See A/49/748, annex, sect. I.A.

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

6/ See A/C.3/50/SR.12.

7/ A/50/432.

8/ A/50/433.

3. Also reaffirms the priority of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in accordance with its resolutions 46/152, 47/91, 48/103 and 49/158, and the need for an appropriate share of the existing resources of the United Nations for the programme;

4. Welcomes the proposed strengthening of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in response to the repeated calls by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to that effect and, in particular, welcomes the proposal of the Secretary-General to upgrade the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat into a division, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 and 49/158;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme by providing it with the resources necessary for the full implementation of its mandates, including follow-up action to the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime and to the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

6. Reaffirms the high priority attached to technical cooperation and advisory services as a means for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme to respond to the needs of the international community in the face of both national and transnational criminality and to assist Member States in achieving the goals of preventing crime within and among States and improving the response to crime, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/152 and in line with the recommendations of the Ninth Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

7. Stresses the importance of continuing to improve the operational activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, particularly in developing countries and countries in transition, in order to meet the needs of Member States, at their request, for support in crime prevention and criminal justice;

8. Calls upon States and funding agencies to make significant financial contributions for operational activities for crime prevention and criminal justice, and encourages all States to make voluntary contributions for that purpose to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Trust Fund, taking also into account the activities required for the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to facilitate, as appropriate, the creation of joint initiatives, including bilateral activities, and the joint formulation and implementation of technical assistance projects, benefiting developing countries and countries in transition, involving interested donor countries and funding agencies, particularly the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, with a view to establishing and maintaining efficient criminal justice systems on a country-by-country basis as an essential component of developmental efforts;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to assist the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as the principal policy-making body in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, in performing its functions and to ensure the proper coordination of all relevant activities in the field, in particular with the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

11. Calls upon the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and other international, regional and national funding agencies to support technical cooperation activities devoted to crime prevention and criminal justice at country level, and, in pursuance of their mandates, to include such activities in their programmes, emphasizing social development aspects and utilizing the expertise of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme in such activities and cooperating closely on relevant technical assistance projects and advisory missions;

12. Expresses its appreciation for the provision of services of two interregional advisers for crime prevention and criminal justice;

13. Takes note with appreciation of the contributions of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme to United Nations peace-keeping and special missions, as well as its contributions to the follow-up to those missions, inter alia, through advisory services, and encourages the Secretary-General, as a way of strengthening the rule of law, to recommend the inclusion of the re-establishment and reform of criminal justice systems in peace-keeping operations;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen cooperation between the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

15. Also requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to provide improved services, at its future sessions, to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as the principal policy-making body in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, with a view to ensuring full implementation of the relevant Commission resolutions on the strategic management by the Commission of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme in the context of United Nations rules and regulations;

16. Reaffirms the importance of rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and urges the Secretary-General to provide the appropriate information to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 49/156 of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/21 of 25 July 1994,

Aware of the financial difficulties that the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders continues to face as a result of the fact that many States of the African region are in the category of least developed countries and therefore lack the necessary resources with which to support the Institute,

Conscious of the efforts made thus far by the Institute in fulfilling its mandate through, inter alia, the organization of training programmes and regional seminars, as well as the provision of advisory services,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 9/

1. Commends the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders for the activities it has undertaken, despite its difficulties in fulfilling its mandate, as reflected in the progress report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other institutes; 10/

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Governments and intergovernmental bodies which have supported the Institute in the discharge of its responsibilities;

3. Appeals to Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide financial and technical support to the Institute to enable it to fulfil its objectives, in particular those concerning training, technical assistance, policy guidance, research and data collection;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Institute is provided with adequate funds, within the overall appropriation of the programme budget and from extrabudgetary resources, and to submit proposals for any necessary additional funding of the Institute, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/156 and decision 49/480 of 6 April 1995;

9/ A/50/375.

10/ E/CN.15/1995/9 and Add.1.

5. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to reconsider its decision with regard to its financial support to the Institute, and to continue providing appropriate funds for the institutional strengthening and the implementation of the programme of work of the Institute, taking into account the difficult economic and financial situation faced by many countries in the African region;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure proper follow-up with all concerned on the implementation of the present resolution, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session and to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fifth session.

* * *

23. The Third Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Document considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice

The General Assembly takes note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. 11/

11/ A/50/373.